



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Ashepoo Phosphate Site
Braswell Street, Charleston, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through November 25, 2015.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 15-6352-NRP, will affect approximately 20.6 acres located on Braswell Street in North Charleston, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Charleston County tax map numbers 4640000025, 4640000026, 4640000028, 4640000039, and 4640000040. A company known as Ashley River Investors III, LLC (Ashley River Investors) wants to acquire the property from the current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Ashley River Investors.

The property was first developed in the 1880's as a fertilizer manufacturing facility which continued operation until 1978. Subsequent uses of the property included trucking operations and vehicle storage. These past uses caused environmental pollution on the property. Former owners of the property have removed or stabilized much of the pollution, but some pollution remains on the property.

Ashley River Investors intends to develop the property for mixed uses to include commercial, residential and park space. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Ashley River Investors to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the environmental pollution from past activity on the property. DHEC will not hold Ashley River Investors responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for the work they will do under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, Ashley River Investors will test soil and groundwater, and will manage soil and groundwater on the property in accordance with Department approved plans. Ashley River Investors will be required to take steps to control remaining pollution on the property to protect human health and the environment. Ashley River Investors did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

Under State law, Ashley River Investors will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the pollution. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract. DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites.

The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/> . Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through November 25, 2015. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manager, by e-mail at gormanak@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0929, or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Angela Gorman at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.